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Dear Mary,

As it turned out, the care with the enclosure with your letter of the 11th was unnecessary, but thatnks for it. Lil is spending mornings helping a lawyer friend, probably only until he can make a more permanent arrangement. I am getting the mail. Except on the few days when I have to be away. I take her in there in the a.m. and pick her up at one.

Lil will be pleased that Buck's taste was pleased. Perhaps you both can come up soon. Then he can have the chicken, too. Many ways, each well!

With the troubles she has, we'll not bother Shirley. Just tell her, please, that we wish them the best.

My collaborator is excited at the prospect of a good M with which to work. When he comes here to pick it up, I expect him to have good blowups of the fatal parts of Z. Good prints.

If anyone other than Sylvia and Smith have responded to Paul's memo, they haven't told me. Smith's is disappointing and the kind of thing Alvarez is, I believe, capable of misusing. He can quote sections of it to his own end, even fine praises. The entire approach is both stupid and counter-productive. There was nothing good to be said of that project or its concept, but Smith sure laid it on thick about just these things, about how finait was to undertake it, about it being the right approach, etc. all rubbish.

Best regards,